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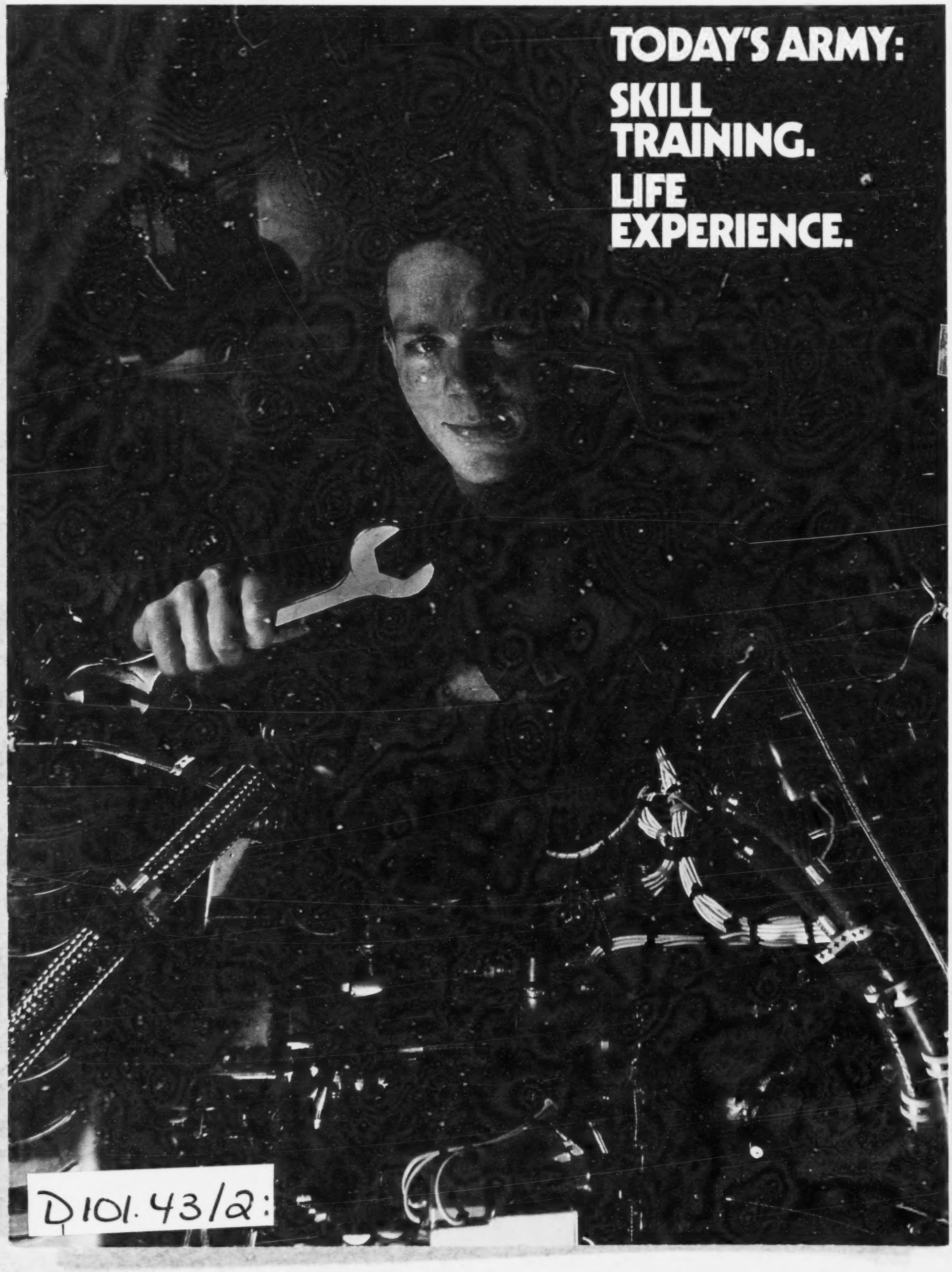

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SOLDIERING STARTS HERE.

The young men and women who put on Army uniforms these days are a lot like yourself. They're bright and ambitious. With aspirations for good jobs, and more. They're looking ahead.

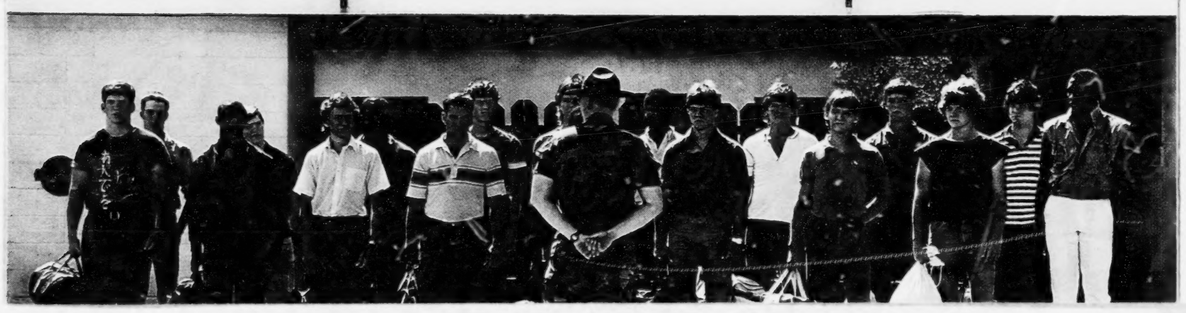
Today's Army is looking out for your future as never before. This booklet will tell you just what you can expect to gain as a soldier in the U.S. Army. And especially how the skill you learn could be your headstart on a terrific future.

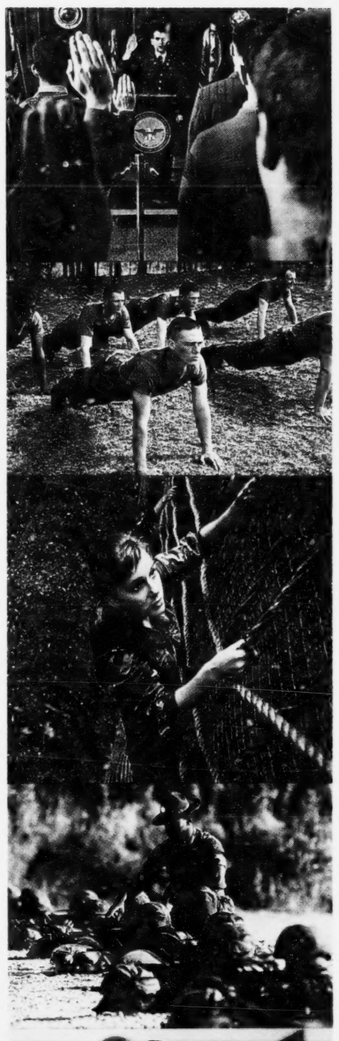
Choosing the Army means choosing a lifestyle that's guaranteed to be very different from anything you've ever experienced. When you think about it, your way of life has been pretty much determined by where you've grown up and where you've gone to school. But now you've reached a point where you really have a chance to make things happen on your own. And in the Army, there's a lot going on.

The Army's no 9-to-5 job. It's challenging and demanding. There are regulations and orders to follow.

But there's also extraordinary opportunity. You can learn a lot, meet interesting people and see new places. And the skill training you choose could lead to a career later in civilian life.

Arrival at the Reception Battalion.





Prior to departing for the Reception, Battalion however, you take an oath of enlistment.

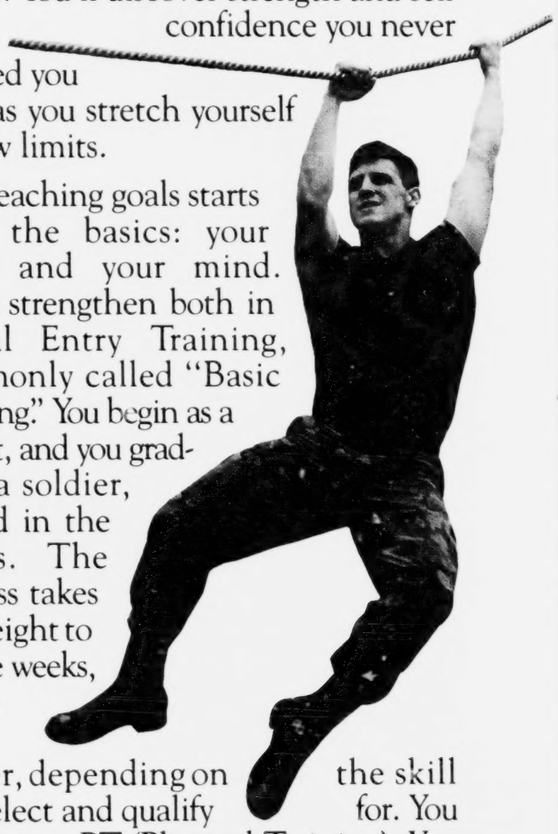
A basic part of Basic Training.

Building confidence in Basic.

With your M-16, practice makes perfect.

Graduation from Basic makes a few people proud.

Your Army experience will also push you as you've never been pushed before. You'll discover strength and self-confidence you never realized you had, as you stretch yourself to new limits.



Reaching goals starts with the basics: your body and your mind. You'll strengthen both in Initial Entry Training, commonly called "Basic Training." You begin as a recruit, and you graduate a soldier, skilled in the basics. The process takes from eight to twelve weeks, sometimes longer, depending on the skill you select and qualify for. You wake up to PT (Physical Training). You run, and run some more. You spend hours on the rifle range. You march about 100 miles. You spend long days and nights on tactical training, bivouac and patrol. Yes, it's tough. But it's not impossible: you'll be meeting the same challenges that tens of thousands of other soldiers have met before you.

As you meet the demands of Basic Training, you reap the rewards. After all the drills and lectures, the pains and pushups, you'll realize you're tougher, stronger, more sure of yourself than you were just weeks earlier. Basic is just the beginning, of course. As you read on, you'll see how the Army can help you learn a valuable skill and enjoy the many benefits of Army Service.

EXPERIENCE ACQUIRED.

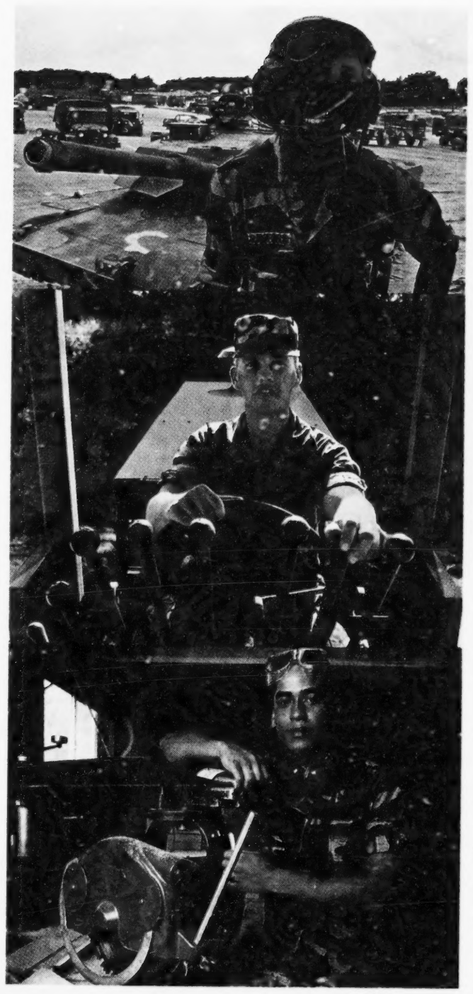
Most "Help Wanted" ads include these two very important but annoying words: "Experience Required." How can you get experience if no one is willing to give you a chance to get it?

The Army's different. We're not looking for experience. We're looking to give it. And if you're looking to get it, there's no better place to start.

We've got skills. Over 250, in fact, for you to choose from. Army Skill Training offers excellent instruction, in both the classroom and in the field. And the equipment is the best available.

You could train in areas like communications, combat engineering, mechanical maintenance, intelligence or law enforcement, to name just a few.

The Army can offer incredible variety, too, within individual skill areas.



Say, for instance, you have an interest in mechanical maintenance. If you qualify, you could choose to learn maintenance of construction equipment, light or heavy wheeled vehicles, tanks, or other track vehicles.

Your Army Skill Training can be even more valuable to you when you enroll and participate in the Army Apprenticeship Program after enlistment*. About half of all Army skills are recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor as skills in which you could be apprenticed.

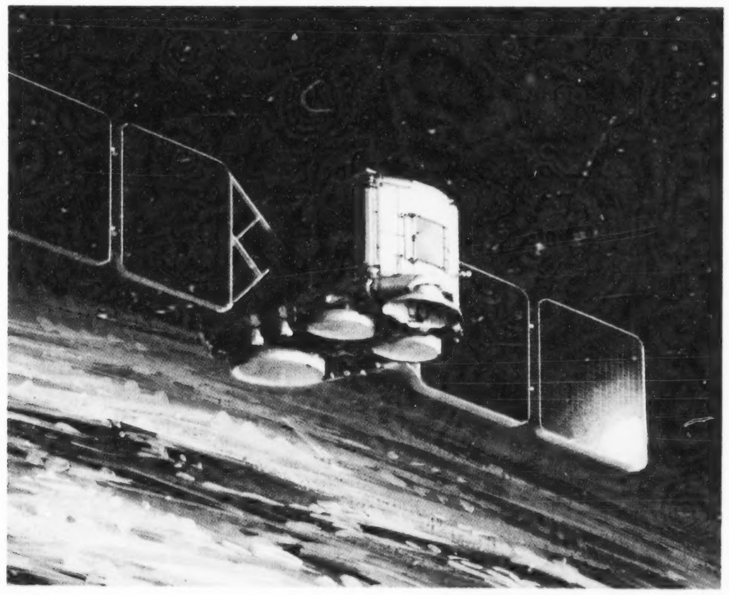
By recording your work experience and skill instruction, and by participating for the required amount of time (usually 3 or 4 years), you may attain Journeyworker status in your skill.

For your efforts, you'll be awarded a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship, the same certificate the Department of Labor awards to civilian apprentices. While it won't guarantee you a job when you leave the Army, it will identify you as a skilled craftsman in your chosen trade–something that could help ease the job hunt later on.

**This is not an enlistment option. Enrollment is accomplished at the Army Education Center at your first permanent duty assignment!*

HIGH TECH DOESN'T GET MUCH HIGHER.

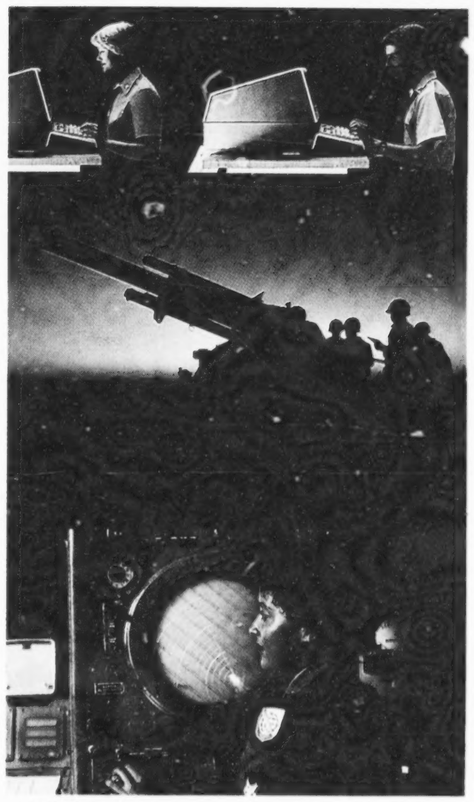
If you have a hunger for high tech, you'll find the Army's selection to be very satisfying. Whether your interest is in the field of communications, ground transportation or advanced weaponry, high-tech skills abound. Just about every part of today's Army has been touched by high technology.



The Army always needs bright soldiers to work with state-of-the-art equipment. If you qualify for training, you could work with laser rangefinders, rocket launchers, avionics, micro-electronics or even satellite communication systems, to name just some of the equipment available.

With over 50 designated Army skills, you could be eligible for the GI Bill Plus the Army College Fund*. Under this program, up to $25,200 could be yours to use toward vocational-technical school after your Army enlistment is up. Your Army Recruiter can tell you if you qualify.

* Referred to as the Montgomery GI Bill.



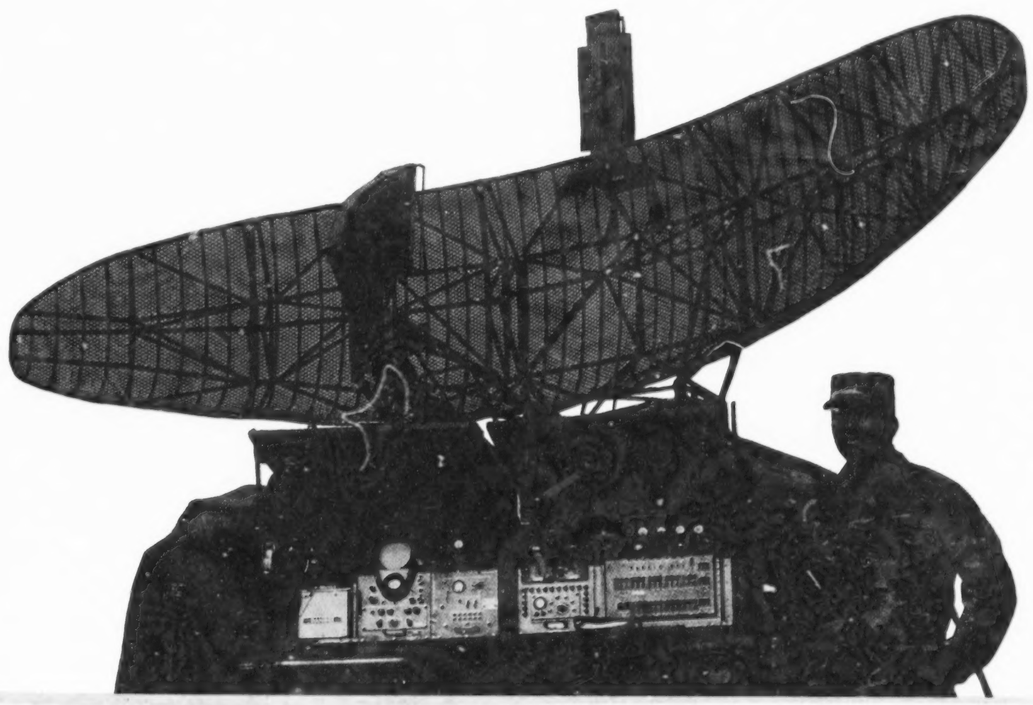
Work with some of the most sophisticated equipment available.

Army Skill Training is really a one-two punch for your career. First, you get expert training in the Army. Then, if you qualify, you get money to continue your training in vo-tech school. Job training programs like that don't come very often.

As for the actual skill you'll learn, that depends on several things: (1) Your ability to qualify (you'll be tested before you enlist, so you'll know what you're qualified for). (2) Your choice (if you enlist by way of the Delayed Entry Program, you can choose your training from a wide variety of skills, and get it guaranteed in writing. Your active duty reporting date will be based on when your training becomes available). (3) Availability of skill training.

Most skill training programs last from six to twelve weeks. Others may last longer, depending on the specialty.

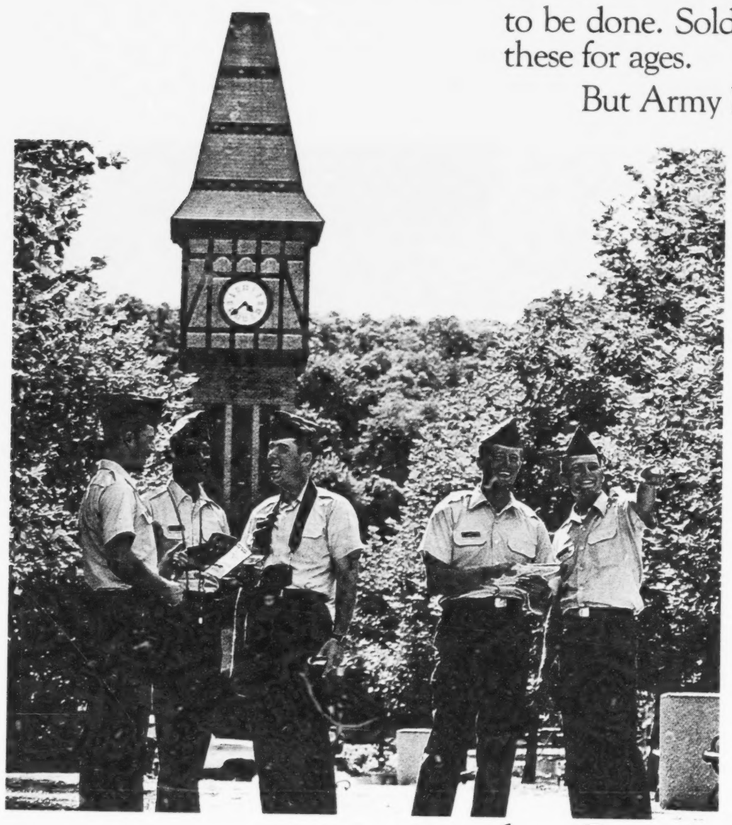
Whatever skill you learn in the Army, the experience is bound to be a rewarding one. It'll stretch you, challenge you and teach you. You'll take it with you the rest of your life.



OUR BENEFITS TAKE YOU FURTHER.

Make no mistake. Army service is no picnic. Besides your assigned duties, there are always chores to be done. Soldiers have griped about these for ages.

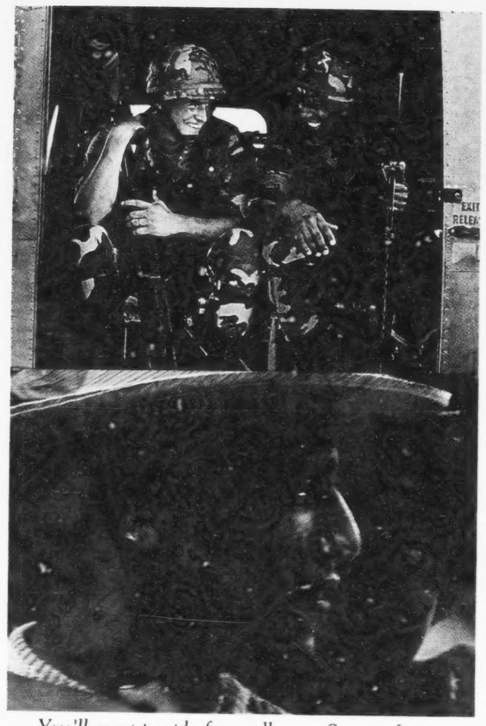
But Army life has special benefits, too. Like 30 days' vacation with pay, called "leave," every year. Though the needs of your unit govern when you get leave, there are plenty of chances to enjoy yourself. You could use your leave time to explore parts of this country you've never seen before. Maybe even visit a foreign country or go back home.



You could also get the opportunity to explore new places during your tour of duty. Depending on availability, you could choose an assignment in the United States or in Europe, Korea or Panama. If you qualify, your choice is guaranteed in writing.

No matter where you're stationed, your monthly Army paycheck will go a long way. Because Army benefits go a long way. For example, you have no rent or food bills while you live in the barracks and eat in the unit dining facility. You have no medical or dental expenses, either.

Free time is your time.

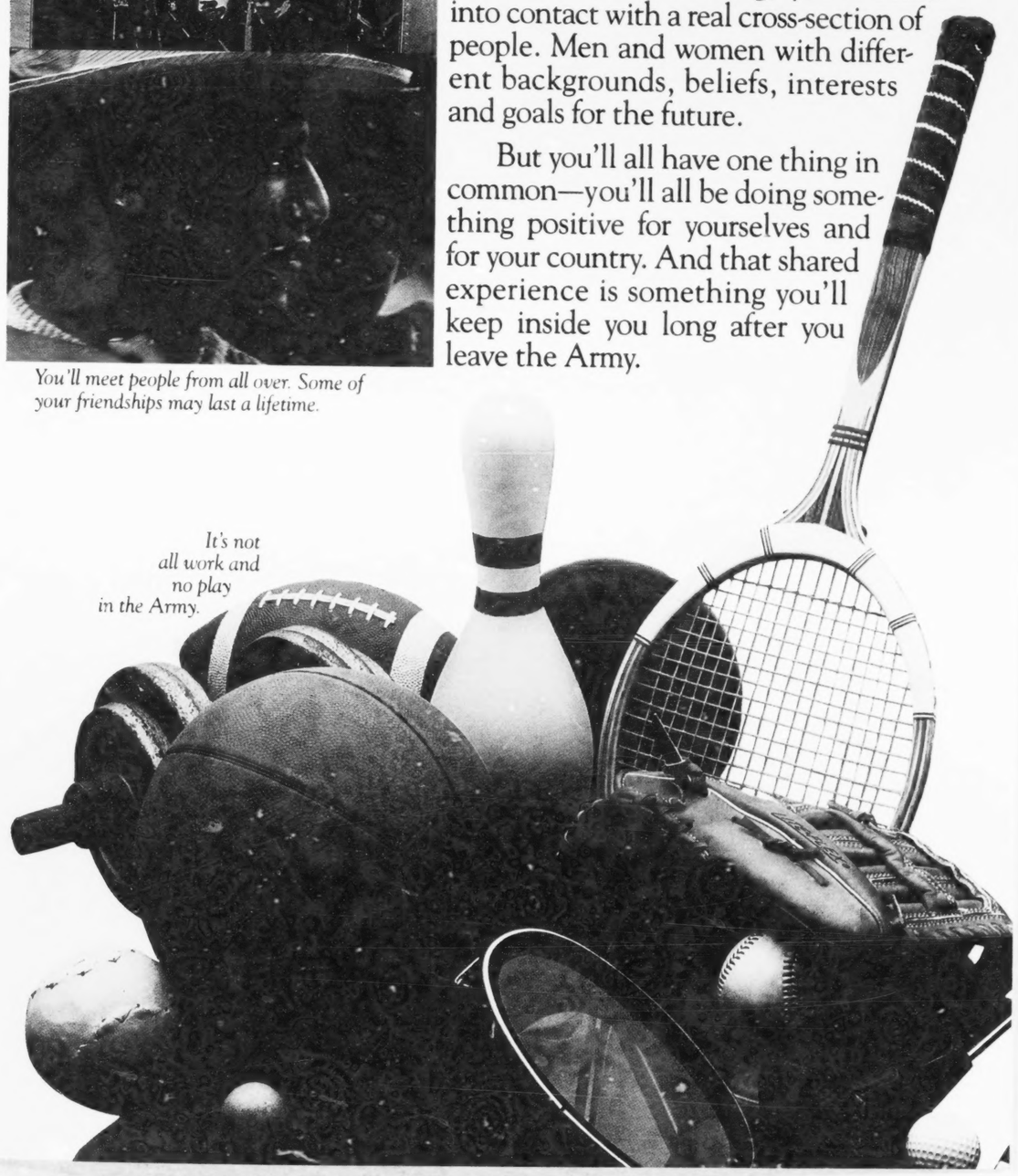


You'll meet people from all over. Some of your friendships may last a lifetime.

And you don't have to go far to have fun. Most posts have all kinds of sports and recreational facilities which you can use in your free time. There are also theaters, libraries and craft centers. As a total package, the Army's got a lot to offer.

Maybe the greatest benefit of all is the bunch of terrific people you'll meet. Wherever you're serving, you'll come into contact with a real cross-section of people. Men and women with different backgrounds, beliefs, interests and goals for the future.

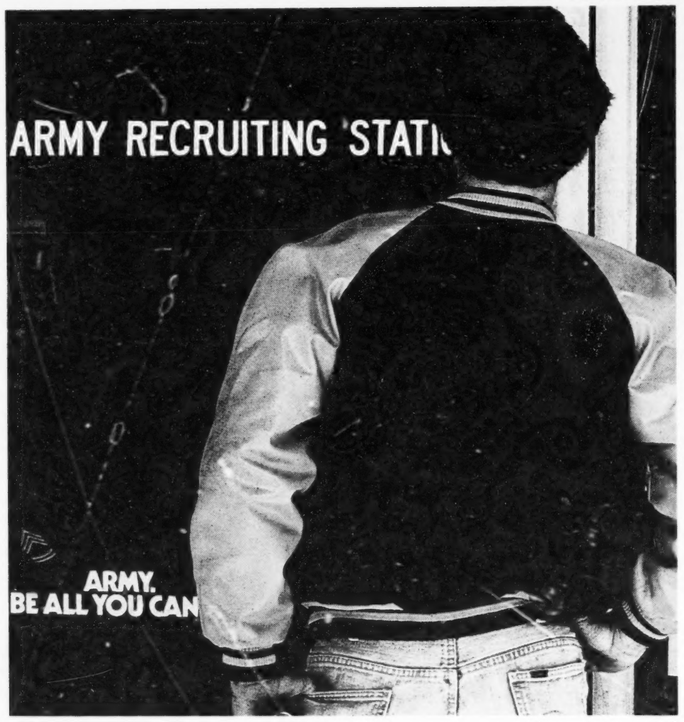
But you'll all have one thing in common—you'll all be doing something positive for yourselves and for your country. And that shared experience is something you'll keep inside you long after you leave the Army.



It's not all work and no play in the Army.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

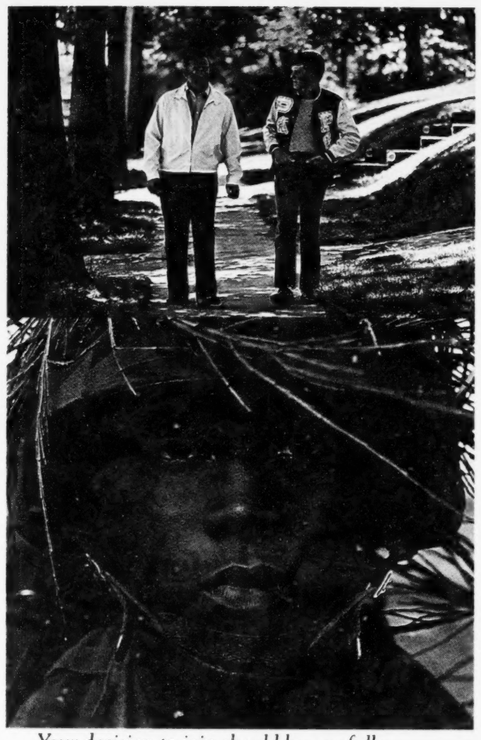
Think of your Army enlistment as an investment in yourself. You put in your time, brain power, energy and enthusiasm. You get back things like physical toughness. Valuable skill training. A chance to earn money for vo-tech schooling. And something nobody can put a price on: maturity.



After your Army enlistment, you'll be a few years older, sure. But it's a pretty safe bet you'll also be smarter and wiser than if you hadn't been a soldier. You'll have greater self-discipline and self-confidence, too.

If you're interested, it's time to see your local Army Recruiter. He or she is a trained professional, well-aware of the importance of the decision before you. So you can be sure of a careful and complete explanation of anything you don't understand about the Army. As well as anything you need more information on. You're there to ask questions, and get answers.

One of your most valuable sources of information is your Recruiter.



Your decision to join should be carefully thought-out.

Next, talk to your parents, teachers or guidance counselor. Tell them what you've learned about the Army, and how it can help you prepare for your future. See what they have to say.

And finally, do a little soul-searching on your own. Military service isn't for everyone. Some people just can't adjust to the military lifestyle and, in turn, don't perform well. On the other hand, millions of young Americans have already met the challenges of Army service and have come to value the experience. It's important for you to consider carefully your decision to enlist, as well as the commitment which comes with that enlistment.

The next step's up to you. When you call or visit your local Army Recruiter, remember, there's no obligation to join. Only to get the facts. And see how the Army could be your steppingstone to a bright future.

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